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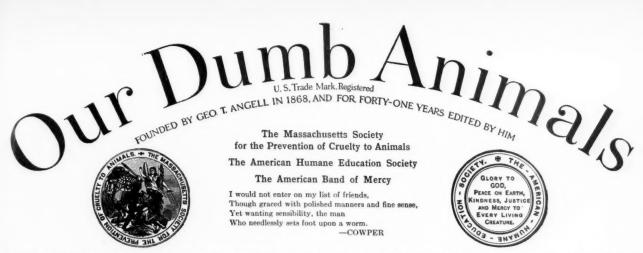
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A petition of over 300,000 names has been presented to the British House of Commons asking for the prohibition of the proposed dental experiments on dogs about which so much has been said during the last year.

A branch of the Performing and Captive Animals Defence League of England has just been formed in Dublin. This League is hard after the exploiter of animals both on the stage and in the motion picture business.

The tablet on the Animals' War Memorial Dispensary, whose dedication we mentioned last month, "records the death of 484,000 horses, mules, camels and bullocks and many hundreds of carrier pigeons and other creatures on the various fronts during the Great War."

We are glad to learn from Animaldom, published by the Pennsylvania S. P. C. A., that bills are to be introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature this year to prohibit the use of live birds for targets at shooting matches and also to stop the cropping of dogs' ears.

"Feed the Birds," the Audubon Society says repeatedly. So do we. Now is the time the winter birds, the juncos, the tree sparrows, myrtle warblers, nuthatches, a few bobwhites and ruffed grouse need our care far more than in the summer time when food is more easily found. We will gladly send a leaflet telling how to help the birds through these trying months if you will write us.

A Bill is before Congress enabling the President, under certain conditions, to prohibit the shipment of arms or munitions of war to countries that might use them in settling international difficulties. Better not ship these deadly things at all. We all know of munition companies that have sought to stir up strife between nations in order to sell them guns and ammunition. A pretty dastardly business.

Our Bill against Setting up Horses' Tails

THE above Bill, which appeared in the February issue of this magazine, was temporarily withdrawn by the consent of the several humane societies of the State backing it, upon the pledge of representatives of the Association of American Horse Shows, Inc., that every effort would be made by the Association to stop the practice over the entire country.

It was thoroughly understood that if, by October first next, we were not assured that the Association had taken action to this effect, we should present our Bill again to the Massachusetts Legislature.

If by this arrangement the showing of horses with docked or set-up tails can be stopped in all the states, and so the cruelty involved in the practice of mutilating horses stopped, the effect will be far more satisfactory than securing the proper legislation in one or two states.

The Horse Show people, many of them opposed to the practice, confess that they know it must yield to the rapidly growing public condemnation of it. If the Association itself will sign its death warrant that will not only save the time that would be required to bring all the states into line by legislation, but a large amount of time and money for the humane societies of the land. We shall await with interest the outcome of the Association's action.

Curfew Law for Cats Resurrected

Cats in suburban Oak Park have to stay at home of nights. That's the law and it specifies that they must not be allowed on any street or alley or other public place between the hours of 7 P. M. and 6 A. M.

Dudley C. Meyers, commissioner of public works, resurrected the law, 25 years old, when he was harassed by complaints that goldfish in garden pools were being devoured by prowling felines.—Our Animals

A New Cruelty

THE Detroit Free Press of January 19 is responsible for the following, upon which Humane Societies will do well to keep a watch:

"Molasses II," true to form, is running last, just swallowing a lot of dust from the other horses. It is what everyone in the stands expected.

Suddenly Molasses II snorts, his tail stiffens and he makes a mad leap. He acts as though he has been galvanized. Before people in the stands realize what has happened Molasses II, who didn't have a chance, has streaked past the other horses and won. Of course, he paid his few backers a good price.

When Molasses II won it was a big shock to everybody and most of all to Molasses II himself. For if what Detroit police say is true, Molasses II truly was shocked into winning. Police here claim to have proof of a nation-wide plot to electrify race horses into winning. In fact, they claim, they are holding the very saddle by means of which jockeys slyly gave their slow running mounts a jolt of electricity which caused them to lay back their ears and beat all the other horses—much to the profit of the gamblers who framed it all.

The Hawk and the Owl

By practically exterminating the hawk and owl in the islands of Great Britain plagues of vole, a species of field mouse, have occurred in recent years. The hawk and the owl formerly kept these little rodents greatly reduced in number. Man often thinks he's wiser than Nature. A law is sought this year in Massachusetts to prohibit any city, town or county to offer or pay bounties for killing or taking any hawk or owl.

A half million fewer licenses for hunting granted in 1931 than in 1930. The total for 1930 was 6,903,934. For the country New York leads the list with 580,933 licensed hunters, Pennsylvania next with 536,401. Massachusetts had 111,192.

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The Squirrel Tribe

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Some readers of this and the two chapters which are to follow may take issue with the author in his observation and estimate of the squirrel family, especially in its relation to the birds. There are unquestionably good and bad squirrels. Of the latter the red variety are charged with being the most destructive of young birds and eggs in the nests. Such depredations should be prevented whenever possible. The late Edward Howe Forbush, ardent bird champion that he was, had this to say on the matter: "Some individual squirrels are habitual nest robbers. It is not so widely known that squirrels eat insects as that they rob birds' nests. Possibly their virtues may balance their faults; but we shall never be able to determine their economic position until a thorough study of their food habits can be made."

HE native wild animals that make their homes within the boundaries of my farm differ widely in their attitude toward human society. None of them shuns us entirely, or they would not be living here at all, though I suspect that some of them are more interested in our gardens and granaries than in ourselves. Some, like the weasel and raccoon, are so exceedingly shy that we never see them. Others, like the rabbit and woodchuck, have their bold moments when the temptation of young lettuce or cauliflower plants overcomes their normal timidity. The squirrels, on the other hand, seem to enjoy our presence. That we may contribute in some degree to their winter store does not explain their evident liking for the proximity of human habitations, for wild fruits and nuts form the great bulk of their diet. Fearless, impudent, and selfconfident, they seek us for no reason that I can ascertain except a certain liking for sociability. They may pretend to be terribly annoyed by our activities; they may sputter and scold and swear at us; but it fails to deceive. We know the little rascals like us and we are flattered.

The result is that I have become better acquainted with the squirrels than with any other native wild animals-with their characters and habits. The formal naturalhistory definition presents the squirrel as a slender, sprightly rodent with a long, bushy tail and strong hind legs. He is a diurnal rather than a nocturnal animal, says this learned definition, and most kinds are arboreal, though some are burrowing. Squirrels are chiefly vegetarians and most of them hibernate. Their food consists of nuts, acorns, grains, seeds, and fruits, which they store for winter.

The squirrel is known and loved all over the world. Japanese artists have long pictured him in his various graceful poses. word squirrel comes, through the Latin sciurus, from two Greek words, skia and oura, meaning shade or shadow, and tail. It has sometimes been assumed that this had reference to the smoky, shadow-like quality of the gray squirrel's tail, and he has been called Shadow-Tail, but I am inclined to think that it refers rather to the squirrel's use of his tail as a sunshade.

We have both gray and red squirrels on our farm, though seldom both in the same year. Red squirre's are supposed to drive away the bigger grays, but with us they have not always succeeded. The gray squirrel is the handsomest of the tribe, the red the liveliest and most amusing. But just at the moment I am more interested in their striped little cousin, the chipmunk, because he made himself so exceedingly neighborly all last summer.

The gray squirrel (Sciurida carolinensis) is one of the most numerous of the tribe and is indigenous to the eastern half of the United States, from Canada to Florida and as far west as Minnesota. He is the largest of the common kinds and has the bushiest tail. This tail he uses as a sort of rudder in his apparently perilous leaps among high and slender branches, and he also probably finds it useful in helping him to keep warm. He has large, round, bright eyes and erect, pointed ears.

In his native haunts the gray squirrel commonly builds a spherical nest of twigs and leaves high up in the fork of a bough or in a tree-top. For winter occupancy he lines a cavity in a tree with leaves and grasses. Pairs often occupy the same nest for several years. Three or four young ones are born in June, as a rule, and remain with their parents until the following spring.

The gray squirrel stores nuts and other foods in nooks and crannies in trees. He s perhaps most picturesque when eating. Sitting up on his haunches with his tail curled over his back, he grasps his nut in his little hands and gnaws down to the kernel, rapidly ejecting the inedible material.

The gray squirrel likes town life and is a common inhabitant of city parks where he often becomes very tame, but in town he has been corrupted by man and his peanuts and has become lazy and improvident, preferring to remain awake in winter and beg rather than store food for the cold weather. Many of his natural habits undergo a change and he seldom takes the trouble to build a good nest. Indeed, he often invades cellars and attics.

From a window in town I have often watched the gray squirrels playing tag up and down the trees or hurrying across the next yard on some important errand. Always they were on the lookout for cats and dogs. They would progress by short, swift stages, always stopping with forefeet placed evenly, ready for a quick get-a-way. One gray squirrel used to appear almost every day one winter on the fence outside my window with an ear of yellow corn, probably filched from some farmer's corn-crib. This he shelled and ate with an appearance of great satisfaction, ejecting the hulls in a little golden shower and swallowing or pouching the edible portion with a sureness and rapidity that fascinated me. A dog will lie and gnaw a bone for hours, enjoying it in the fullness of leisure, but a squirrel eats nervously as though in constant fear of interruption.

Here on the farm the gray squirrel is rather wild and shy, and I think he prefers the woods to the neighborhood of the house. But in October he visits the five tall hickory



TYPICAL POSE OF MR. GRAY SQUIRREL

trees near our barn and makes a business of harvesting the nuts. I wish he were a little more friendly, but at least he contributes life and beauty to the scene and I always welcome his return.

The Value of the Mink

WILLIS MEHANNA

NE morning not so very long ago as I went down into the barn-lot I noticed rats running out from under the barns and corn-cribs in a terror-stricken sort of manner. I found the cause of this to be a black mink and he was not only scaring the rats. he was killing them. My old Newfoundland dog, "Curly," helped get some of the rats but for fear Curly might attack the mink I finally shut him up in his kennel.

In three or four days there was not a rat to be found on my place. All that the mink and Curly did not kill left for a safer habitation. This little incident, trifling in itself, holds a lesson for farmers. The mink is not a poultry-devouring creature. His prey consists of vermin and his value is not in his pelt but in his activities.

Little Things

Little things that run and quail And die in silence and despair: Little things that fight and fall All fall on earth and sea and air; All trapped and frightened little things, The mouse, the cony, hear our prayer. As we forgive those done to us, The lamb, the linnet, and the hare, Forgive us all our trespasses, Little creatures everywhere.

JAMES STEPHENS, in "Modern British Poetry"

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No MS. to be received for the contest later than May 15, 1933.

The result to be announced in *Our Dumb* Animals for July, 1933, when the prizewinning MSS. will be published.

Address all entries to CONTEST EDITOR (otherwise they will be treated as regular offerings and passed upon accordingly).

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Prizes for Boys and Girls

Norder to encourage the study of animal life with the camera, to quicken the love for many of nature's lowly children and foster the spirit of kindness toward them, we offer three prizes to boys and girls under fifteen for the best pictures of animals, taken by them, with their own cameras, before April 1, 1933.

The first prize, \$10; the second, \$5; and the third, \$3.

These may include domestic animals, wild animals, birds, insects, the common toad, practically all animals including the dog and the cat.

The pictures must be taken by the boy or girl under fifteen, accompanied by a signed statement from a parent, guardian, teacher, or other adult to that fact.

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New Poster for 1933

HIS is a reproduction of the new poster, in colors, 17 x 22 inches, designed by Morgan Dennis especially for the Na-tional Be Kind to Animals Week. These should be used freely by humane societies and individuals, as schools, churches, and other institutions will be glad to have them on display. Note that there are no dates on the poster-it is good for every day in the year. Copies bearing the imprint of the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, are for sale at these prices, postpaid: Single 10 cts., three for 25 cts., eight for 50 cts., twenty for \$1, seventy for \$3, 125 for \$5, and may be ordered from the Society. Orders for larger quantities, however, and all orders requiring special imprints, should be sent to the American Humane Association, 80 Howard Street, Albany, N. Y.

Plays for Humane Week

The American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, offers a new play for Bands of Mercy, especially adapted for production during Be Kind to Animals Week, "The B—K—T—A—Club," by Kate Alice White. It requires eight characters and runs about twenty minutes. Single copy, 3 cents; eight for 25 cents. The Society also publishes "Friends of Fur and Feather," (ten characters); and "A Little Child Shall Lead them," (six characters); both approximately the same length and price as the new one. "Fred Changes His Mind," (six characters); and "The Trial of the Birds," (nineteen to thirty-one characters); are nearly twice as long and priced at 5 cents each, or six for 25 cents and twelve for 25 cents, respectively. Samples of all five plays will be mailed for 15 cents.

For Humane Day Program

As in former years, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. will offer free to all teachers in Massachusetts public schools, for use in elementary grades above the second, a new pamphlet of suggestive exercises and helps for the observance of Humane Day in schools. In Boston this will be Friday, April 14, because of vacation during Be Kind to Animals Week. It is suggested that the following Friday, April 21, be observed wherever convenient.

As teachers, humane societies, and persons in other states may wish to make use of this pamphlet of eight pages, copies are priced at two cents each in any quantity. Samples free upon application to the Secretary, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

For New England Dogs

RRANGEMENTS have been made by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., in cooperation with the Boston Post, to award ten medals to those dogs of New England whose acts of courage, sagacity and fidelity, during the period from Dec. 1, 1932, to June 1, 1933, entitle them to marked recognition.

The Post invites its readers throughout New England, to send it accounts of dogs who perform heroic acts in behalf of human kind or their own kin, of which the writers have direct and personal knowledge.

A gold medal will be awarded by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. to the dog who, in the opinion of competent judges appointed by *The Post*, performs the most outstanding act of heroism. To nine other dogs, if that number qualify, silver medals will be given for deeds of lesser merit.

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. will investigate, so far as possible, such cases as are cited by *The Post*, to substantiate the facts carefully and impartially. "Lack of literary ability should not act as a deterrent to any reader," says *The Post* in announcing this popular project.

Short Radio Address

A brief radio address on "The Love of Animals" is available for those seeking copy to broadcast during Be Kind to Animals Week, or at any other time. It is by Guy Richardson, secretary of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., and runs about ten minutes. It may also be used as a leaflet for popular distribution. Copies are available for five cents, single, or \$2.50 per hundred in quantities. Address, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

"Bob White"

AMY DOE VOGELSANG

This morn when the gray dawn was breaking, And the moon was hidden from sight,

And the moon was maden from sight, I heard a little bird whistling, "Bob White! Bob White! Bob White"!

And in my heart I questioned, Why did God make me so frail? Why couldn't I have been as tough As a bluejay or even a quail?

Then this little bird whistled back,
The notes of his voice shrill and clear,
"Thank God that you are a woman,
And not here in the forest so drear.

"I keep whistling to cheer my flock
As we come to the brookside to drink,
Yet every bird has her troubles,
And I am not as safe as you think.

"So I venture forth in the morning
In the woods so dark and deep,
And dare come out at dawning,
When I know that the hunter's asleep.

And even if you are a woman With a body oft racked with pain. If you protect one bird of the forest, Your life will not be in vain.

A Traffic Policeman of Treetop Town

ROBERT SPARKS WALKER

OR a place near your home and heart the tufted titmouse is a keen rival of his first cousin, the chickadee. The very fact that he is delighted to find an old abandoned woodpecker's hole in which to make his nest is an admission that he finds the task of pecking out openings a very difficult undertaking.

He is a noisy bird and his habit of banding the members of his immediate family together after nesting season is over and traveling throughout the winter in small companies makes his race clannish and conspicuous. Did you ever see a tufted titmouse that did not thoroughly enjoy talking? When a crowd of them get together they are like a group of women at a social gathering or a quilting party; they ever seem to be discussing the latest styles in nest-building, the flavor of the best foods, and insect gossip in general. The tufted titmouse has not yet learned the politeness of permitting one bird to speak at a time!

I can most always depend on the titmouse to visit my shade trees in the country or the city every week throughout the year. His cousin, the chickadee, comes with an equal promptness but does not make as much fuss over his daily visits. If you are a close observer of titmice, you have noticed that when they come around in family groups in fall and winter, they seem not to take notice of your presence. They never look quite so Brownie-like as they do when hanging from a limb, heads downwards, busily prying open loose bark, seeking insects that are hibernating during the winter months. He considers the beetle hot-dogs rare delicacies in winter; and when he can find a



THE TUFTED TITMOUSE

cocoon and can haul the tenant out, he enjoys a genuine jelly tart! When he is holding on to a bough, he is wholly oblivious to what human beings around him are doing a round.

When you have seen how carefully a family of titmice goes over a tree, taking it limb by limb, combing it thoroughly with keen eyes and sharp beaks, you will surely wonder how it is possible for even the smallest insect to pass through the winter without being caught by one of these insect-traffic officers! The tufted titmouse is truly the traffic officer of Tree-top Town, and he permits no jay-walking by caterpillars. He often finds where a katydid has parked her eggs on the wrong side of the bark-curbing, and he proceeds to remove them with his sharp beak-billy.

When this traffic officer whistles peto, peto, peto, peto! should any of the tree-top insect-pedestrians undertake to cross the green-leaf sidewalk, or walk down the barkpaved street, with his beak for a club, he yanks them backwards and will not give them another opportunity to patronize the tree-top thoroughfare.

His little gray pointed top-not gives him a dignified appearance, until he hangs suspended from a limb; and when he is in this position it is fortunate for him that his cap is fastened tightly to his head; otherwise, he would be constantly kept going to the ground to pick it up.

Facts about Birds

Kingbirds like bees, especially the drones.

The pileated woodpecker is rarely seen feeding on live trees.

Since 1902 more than 450,000 birds have been banded.

It is very difficult to band a humming-bird because the legs are so delicate, and the Biogological Survey of the United States has a record of only three banded hummingbirds.

The second or third nest of a bird in the spring is usually a much more hasty affair than the first, probably because time is precious and the young must not get too late a start in life.

A Trolley Feed-box for Birds

ROBERT H. MOULTON

I T seems that not much attention is paid to devising practical feed-boxes for such of the feathered tribe as remain in northern climes over winter, and who must either be provided with food during heavy snows and zero weather or suffer severely. Ordinarily it is considered sufficient to scatter bread crumbs and grain on the ground. The trouble with this method is that a new snow coming along may cover the food thus provided, or animals other than birds may consume it.

Placing the food in a box with a roof protects it from rain and snow and makes a more convenient and attractive outdoor bird cafeteria. To keep out four-footed predatory animals such boxes generally are fastened to trees, fences, or the sides of houses and barns. But the common squirrel, while not predatory, soon discovers and appropriates any store of grain that may be provided for the birds. His agility makes it possible for him to scramble to almost any point that a bird can reach.

To outwit these little raiders a Glencoe, Illinois, resident has devised a trolley feedbox which may be built by anyone at a trifling cost and which is guaranteed to be



squirrel proof. The accompanying illustration gives a very clear idea of the construction of this feed-box. The box proper may be built of almost any kind of lumber at hand, the dimensions also being left to the builder's fancy. In the ridge of the roof are screwed two hooks to which a couple of small galvanized pulleys, costing ten cents apiece, are fastened.

A piece of galvanized iron wire an eighth of an inch in diameter and of any desired length is run through the pulleys, one end being fastened beside a window and the other, at a slightly lower level, to a tree or any other convenient object. A string fastened to the box permits it to be drawn up to the window and the food supply replenished without the necessity of one's going out of doors. A slight push on the box sends it back down the wire to its proper resting-place. Loose food is placed in the box, while pieces of suet, much prized by the winter birds, may be tied to the uprights. Squirrels have been known to attempt to reach this box over the wire supporting it, their unsuccessful efforts to walk the "tight-rope" providing a screamingly funny by the since gotte of the had many spot he to

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"Horses Preferred"

ARTHUR E. MCELROY

HE cry, "Get a horse," directed at the automobilists of twenty-five years ago by the boys in a neighborhood, has long since been relegated to the limbo of forgotten things along with the buggy whips of the same period. Then the automobile had not come to stay, in the opinion of many, but it often stayed longer in one spot than the owner thought it would when he took it out.

Today New York City boasts of over three-quarters of a million cars registered by owners within its borders, but let us see whether old Dobbin has been as badly outstripped by his successor, the auto, as many might believe. One authority furnishes the information that there are still close to 50,000 horses used in the city of New York for draft or pleasure.

A horse is almost considered a hang-over from the Victorian era by the average young person of today, but he is still looked upon as the most economical form of transportation by the large milk companies and the more numerous retail dealers in vegetables, fruit, ice, etc. He still seems to have a kick left with all the faster competition there is available.

A familiar sight in the mid-town district is the line of hansom cabs along the curb next to the Plaza Hotel at 59th Street. Some of the drivers of these look as antiquated as the one-horse power "motors" they use, but the demand for them is still great among the older visitors to New York for their trips through Central Park. These "cabbies" do not work on any 15-5 basis, for it

seems to be the custom to ask a high rate and then come down to reason when the

customers bargain with them.

The dealers in horses still do a substantial business, despite the fact that they do not vie with the auto dealers for space in crowded Broadway for salesrooms, and have little to offer in the way of "new models." These dealers and stable owners seem to prefer the area east of Third Avenue between 18th and 24th streets for their sales and "demonstration" rooms. It is in this neighborhood that one may see stable boys trotting their charges up and down to exercise them and keep the "springs" from getting stiff.

Auctions are held in some of these stables twice weekly. At these functions, where spirited bidding goes on occasionally, ponies bring from \$75 up, Shetland and Piebald from \$100 to \$150. Draft horses sell from \$100 up, depending partly on age, and even more on previous condition of servitude.

For instance, a comparatively young horse, but one that has been worked very hard, may go for \$100, and nobody knows how hard this "second-hand" horse will be worked by the new owner. From one of these stables comes the report that they now sell at auction about 100 head per week in the summer, and 200 in the winter. Many a car salesman wishes he could sell twice as many units in winter as he can in summer. These weekly figures come with the admission that years ago it was nothing unusual to turn over 600 head in one week.

Stock in "Horses Preferred" must be affected just about the same as automobile stocks in these slow times, judging from

current quotations. Saddle horses that would bring \$450 four or five years ago now sell for \$250. Saddle horses are a luxury these days and all luxuries are available at comparatively low prices, if one has the money to buy.

One drawback to this horse game, though, is that a saddle horse eats from 75 cents to one dollar's worth of feed per day, whether he works or not, while the flivver standing in a garage eats up nothing until it goes to work. The horse, too, has his own compensations to his owner; he requires no license, nor does his owner in order to drive one. He has a tail but the law does not require him to hang a light on it.

Horses may or may not enjoy immortality, but it seems reasonably certain that if there is a horse heaven it is a more attractive place than the average automobile graveyards that strew themselves along side roads in the suburbs and lots in the city.

The horse may be further along on the road to complete extinction from the city every year, but he has put up a brave fight for years and he seems to be holding his own. We may cuss at the horse-drawn vehicle that holds us up while driving in heavy traffic, but what would a parade in New York be without a platoon or two of our police mounted on their handsome chargers to start the line moving?

Traits of the Raccoon

WILLIS MEHANNA

THE raccoon is a cleanly and harmless creature whose worth to man is not very well understood. His greatest claim to our respect is his diet, which consists of crawfish and sometimes small turtles. The crawfish is very destructive to minnows and small fish and if permitted to go unchecked will in time almost entirely destroy the fish life and common mussels in a creek. The raccoon saves the common fishes. He goes right into the water

after the crawfish and gets him and feeds him to the little raccoons. Raccoons are so shy and intelligent that they may be quite numerous along a creek and seldom be seen. They are not often caught in traps which shows they are able to take care of themselves. They make nice pets but their place and mission is to run wild as Nature intended.

The closing of a trapping season is like the signing of an armistice for the little animals upon whose backs the Creator put a coat of fur as a protection against the ravages of a cold winter.

RED RANGER.



"RASEYN," THOROUGHBRED ARABIAN From W. K. Kellogg Stables, California

Horse Sense

CLARENCE MANSFIELD LINDSAY

Now, rubber tires may be fine! But O, a real, live horse for mine! I'd rather in the saddle be Than go careering noisily Along macadam roads so fast I never see the landscapes passed!

Four-footed friend, men cannot make With steel and bolts a steed to take Your place, indeed! No true stream-line; No chassis, howsoever fine; No mere machine, however new, Can really be compared with YOU!

"My kingdom for a horse!" Thus cried King Richard, eager for a ride. And I agree with him, for I, Though horseless carriers multiply, Unhesitatingly endorse A living, breathing, graceful horse!

Mr. Carroll in Florida

Our field worker in South Carolina, Mr. Seymour Carroll, spoke recently on humane education at the chapel hour of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla. The day before he addressed 1,200 pupils in the Cookman Graded School, one of the largest public schools in the city, where several Bands of Mercy were organized. He also spoke at the Stanton High and other schools in Jacksonville. At Orlando he addressed the Florida African M. E. Conference and at DeLand and Sanford he addressed several large gatherings. He reports a fine reception in all parts of the state.

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Our Dumb Animals

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FOR TERMS, see back cover.

AGENTS to take orders for Our Dumb Animals are anted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this pub-lication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts longer than 800 words, nor verse in excess of thirty-six lines. The shorter the better. All manuscripts should be typewritten and an addressed envelope with full return postage enclosed with each offering.

Your Cat

F lovers of cats would prevent where possible the needless multiplication of these rapidly breeding animals, and keep their own pets from early morning bird-hunting during the nesting-season of birds, there would be far fewer complaints made through the public press against the bird-destroying cat. Save one out of the litter if you must. Humanely let the rest go to sleep in a closely-covered bucket of lukewarm water. They will never know that they have been born. It isn't always pleasant to do this, but it is a genuine kindness in the vast majority of cases. Many a lover of his cat takes it out in the morning when nestingtime arrives and never lets it out of his sight. Why not do our utmost to save the birds and at the same time disarm the enemies of the cat who attack him with the exaggerated statements they make about his destructive habits? It's cats born in the country and kept about barns and stables that so largely become the roaming, halfwild bird hunters that are the birds' worst enemies, next to man.

Just Another Hero Dog

A tiny, vagrant, mongrel dog, scarcely a year and a half old and known as "Toots," saved the lives of twelve men asleep in a burning bunkhouse near Pittsburg recently. Her warning barks aroused the only friends she had in time for them to make their escape. The building was destroyed. Toots was deserted. The only home she had ever known was gone. The outlook for Toots, if she had one, must have been trying to her stout little heart. But better days were just around the corner. The news of what she had done quickly spread. Mr. W. F. H. Wentzel, secretary of the Humane Society, went to her rescue and a few days later gave her a hero's collar. But it was a home that the little outcast needed most. How well she had earned one was proved when more than three hundred offers were made for her. She was happily placed in a home in the suburbs at which time the papers called her "the city's most popular dog."

Remember the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in your will.

Cruelty on the Screen

A writer in The Animals' Friend very wisely says, "It is usually a very simple matter to convince anyone that these 'jungle' films (like "Bring 'Em Back Alive") are either wholly or partly faked, and once this point is made it is easy to show that captive, and not wild, animals must have been used and therefore that cruelty must have been employed for 'punch' scenes in the faked portions." Writing of this, Mr. H. M. Tomlinson is quoted in The New

Clarion as saying:

"It left me cold. My knowledge of the creatures of Malaya tells me that they walk by night, and then with great stealth. For this film, however, they obliged in full daylight. Tigers and leopards strolled about in the open, and entered traps, obviously not far from human habitations in clearings of the forest, but they fought each other continuously while the camera was there and in the best of situations for a shot. Another python fought a tiger which I can only suppose must have been weak in the head to do it, for he came back to the coils after he had broken away. Why? Perhaps he was kind; perhaps he was a fool. A black leopard fights a tiger and lives afterwards; or seems to. I wonder! I noticed that once the hunters went out hunting by torchlight; an unusual procedure. We used to make a flare to keep the beasts away."

MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. IN THE COURTS

Summary of Prosecutions in January

For keeping and training game cocks for fighting a defendant was fined \$19, as costs. Ten other persons, for being present where preparations were being made for the exhibition of fighting birds, were convicted and fined \$20 each. The cocks were adjudged forfeited and ordered destroyed.

One having charge and custody of eleven head of stock and two hogs, was found guilty of failing to provide same with proper food, drink, shelter and protection from the weather. He was fined \$50, suspended, plus \$7 as costs.

Overcrowding and cruelly transporting fowl after a previous warning, on plea of nolo, fine \$10.

For starving hogs a defendant was convicted in lower court and fined \$10. Upon appeal he was acquitted by jury and discharged.

For failing to stop after running over and injuring a dog and subjecting it to un-

necessary suffering, offender was fined \$20 and given a week to pay.

Non-sheltering hogs, defendant pleaded nolo, paid costs of \$14.90 and was put on probation for two months.

Cruelly beating a dog, offender fined \$20 and committed to jail for non-payment of fine.

Cruelly shooting dog, offender convicted and put on three months' probation. Gun was ordered confiscated.

For transporting cattle in an unneces sarily cruel and inhuman manner a defendant was fined \$25.

For over-crowding fowl an offender was fined \$10.

Upon an application for disposal of a vicious and diseased dog the court ordered animal destroyed, with no value,

Be Kind to Animals Week, April 17-22; Humane Sunday, April 23, 1933.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Founded by Geo. T. Angell. Incorporated March, 1868

See page 45 for complete list of officers

MONTHLY REPORT OF OFFICERS

See page 42 for complete list of prosecuting	G!ficers
Miles traveled by humane officers.	
Cases investigated	
Animals examined	
	27
Number of convictions	26
Horses taken from work	21
Horses humanely put to sleep	56
Small animals humanely put to	
sleep	533
Stock-yards and Abattoirs	

Animals inspected 34.019 Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been remembered in the wills of Robert Neil Harvey of Waltham, Mary E. Merritt of Brookline, Marion E. Baker of Brookline, Henry W. Ordway of Lowell, Cyrus W. Lane of Townsend, and Marion Frank Gilbert of Boston.

February 14, 1933

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

Including Springfield Branch

See page 42 for complete list of members of Hospital staff

Hospital		Di	spensary
Cases entered	710	Cases	2,442
Dogs	526	Dogs	1,940
Cats	175	Cats	452
Birds	5	Birds	42
Horses	3	Horses	4
Rabbit	1	Monkeys	3
Operations	1,004	Turtle	1
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Hospital					
1, 1915 Dispensar	y Cas	ses	 		108,614 240,559
Total					

Humane Education

Educators have declared that nothing is so important in the development of the child as Humane Education. "Kindness to animals is not mere sentiment," says the American Journal of Education, "but a requisite of even a very ordinary education. Nothing in arithmetic or grammar or any branch of study is so important for a child to learn as humaneness." The author of "Literae Humaniores" asserts that "It is a mockery to talk of religion, and art, and "humane letters" if we allow the gentleness, which alone can give vitality to these accomplishments, to be poisoned at its source by the festering plague of cruelty." "The supreme test of an education," says Joy Elmer Morgan, "is one's appreciation of the feelings of other living things."

The Women's Humane Club of Southern California.

Through man's unhappiness comes his greatness. Without sorrow there can be no sympathy, and it is with sympathy that the wounds of the cruel world are stanched. STEPHEN COLERIDGE

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Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the President

For the Year Ending December 31, 1932

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The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

HOSE were days of small things in humane work, sixty-five years ago, when George Thorndike Angell founded the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Some legislation was on the statute books of the Commonwealth for the protection of animals from cruelty but it was rarely enforced. Acts of brutality to animals, incredible today, went unpunished. The lot of the unfortunate beast or bird called for a champion. Mr. Angell heard that call. Two years before Henry Bergh had heard it in New York State and founded the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the first Society of its kind in

The idea of an S. P. C. A. in Massachusetts at once enlisted the interest and cooperation of a number of the finest citizens of Boston—members of its oldest and socially most prominent families. Here are some of the names: Appleton, Bigelow, Adams, Sturgis, Saltonstall, Weld, Howe, Slade, Evans, Motley, Moreland, Noyes, Gray, Reed, Conery.

It sounds a little strange today to read (and yet perhaps "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of") that the day of its founding Mr. Angell and Mr. Sturgis knelt in the former's office and sought "God's blessing" upon their new undertaking. The growth of the Society was rapid. Mr. Angell became an apostle of what was practically a new gospel so far as the animal world was concerned. North, South, East and West he went lecturing, forming new societies, sending out his monthly magazine by the thousands from one end of the country to the other.

Twenty-one years later, 1889, there was born in his fertile brain the idea of the American Humane Education Society, its purpose the cultivation and fostering, particularly in the hearts of the young, the spirit of justice and compassion toward all sentient life. It was the first organization of its kind ever founded, unless we should regard Christianity itself as such a society. At least, irrespective of creed or sect, its goal was a world with its face set against all cruelty, against national and race prejudice, against strife, violence and war and all unbrotherliness. Today the American Humane Education Society has become international as well as national. Through its federated relations with the Parent-Teacher Association and the International Federation of Home and School its influence is touching at least more than fifty countries of the globe.

The Work of the Society's Agents During 1932

These figures represent the work of those who operate from the home office and those throughout the several other counties of the Commonwealth with offices in Springfield, Pittsfield, Worcester, New Bedford, Hyannis, Lynn and Methuen.

Miles traveled	172,577
Complaints investigated	7,946
Animals examined in investiga-	
tions	65,627
Horses taken from work	708
Horses humanely put to sleep	749
Other animals humanely put to	
sleep	12,973
Animals inspected at stockyards	
and abattoirs	447,804
Injured or sick animals at stock-	
yards and abattoirs humanely	
put to sleep	314
Horses watered on Boston streets	27,145
Prosecutions	122
Convictions	108
Ambulance Trips	
Horse ambulances	96

And yet people often say, "Now that there are so many fewer horses, what is there left for your Society to do?"

Small animal ambulances

The Angell Memorial Animal Hospital During 1932

Small animals treated	7,85
Large animals	6
Birds	69
Cases entered in Hospital	7,986
Operations	9,68
Dispensary Cases	
Small animals treated	25,25
Large animals	4
Birds	41

Treated by correspondence 408
Total treated in Dispensary 25,705

Total animals and birds treated last year 33,691

SUMMARY

Cases in Hospital since opened, March 1, 1915 107,904
Cases in Dispensary since March 1, 1915 238,117

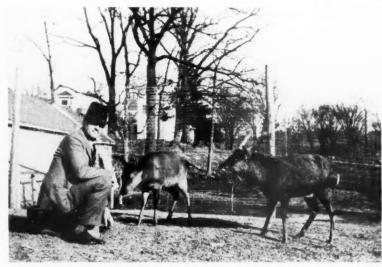
Our Springfield Hospital

Though the following figures are included in those given above, we give them in detail for the Springfield Branch:

Cases entered in Hospital	554
Dispensary cases	1,557
Operations	640
Cremations	14
Animals quarantined	43
Homes found for animals	864
Animals humanely put to sleep	2,722
Ambulance trins	1 888

The Rest Farm for Horses

Our Rest Farm at Methuen with its Small Animal Shelter has had an unusually busy year. We have had an average during the 12 months of 30¼ horses, some pensioners, some taken for rest belonging to men who could not afford to give them any vacation, three Boston police horses retired, a number received for a period of rest before their owners desired them humanely put to sleep. The Superintendent, also one of the Society's agents, took 31 horses from work and humanely put to



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sleep 151, investigated 157 complaints, inspected 3.255 animals and traveled 10.805 miles.

The Small Animal Shelter has received 1,562 small animals, involving 940 ambulance calls. The gift from the Boston Park Department of two beautiful deer has furnished an additional attraction to the Farm whose visitors during the year have numbered many hundreds, among them a multitude of children to whom the Farm has been a visible example of the claims of animal life for just and kind treatment. This educational value of the place with its beautiful hillside cemetery for small animals it is hard to overestimate.

Legislation

The Society has introduced in the State Legislature, January 12, 1933, a bill to prohibit the exploitation of captive animals at roadside stands and at such other places as exhibit them purely for soliciting money. It has also co-operated in preparing a bill to stop ultimately the setting up of horses' tails and the showing of docked horses and horses with tails set up. Copies of both these bills may be found on page 24 of the February issue of Our Dumb Animals.

The Women's Auxiliary

This faithful group of women has generously contributed from the monies raised by them to the further equipment of the Hospital and the Society's work in general. Nearly two-thirds of the cost of our new X-ray machine was borne by them. Out of their work has grown the Winchester Women's Auxiliary, whose activities we greatly appreciate, and steps are being taken to form one in Springfield where several deeply interested women made possible for our Springfield Hospital a highgrade modern X-ray machine similar to the one we have at our Hospital here.

Finances

That we have suffered, with other charitable societies, from the difficult financial period of the recent years goes without saying. Still we are profoundly grateful that, owing to the wisdom with which our trustees have handled our invested funds and by reason of the continued generous contributions of our friends, though in reduced amounts, we have not been forced to curtail our work but have even, through strictest economy by every possible means, been able to increase it in a number of directions.

It is from now on that we shall feel most seriously the result of the financial disasters of the past three years. Generous bequests that would have come to us have had to be cut out of wills because of loss in securities. We have already been informed that bequests to us as residuary legatees in a number of wills must be ignored by us as nothing was left as residuary. In other cases we have been notified by executors that bequests of even large amounts had shrunk to almost nothing at the time of the probating of the will.

The treasurer reports receipts for current expenses for the year \$267,849.12; expenditures, including depreciation and replacement, \$279,254.36. We had hoped to make a beginning with a small animal

shelter and hospital, or clinic, at Hyannis on the Cape, but that must be deferred until better times warrant the expenditure of the necessary money. Meanwhile many cases come to our Hospital here in Boston from the Cape through the medium of our agent there.

We were never more grateful to our friends than now for their gifts and their good will. Letters have come frequently expressing sincerest gratitude for the work we are doing and such letters are deeply appreciated.

SOME PROSECUTIONS MADE BY OFFICERS OF MASS. S. P. C. A. DURING THE YEAR

For knowingly and wilfully subjecting dogs to unnecessary cruelty and suffering, four hit-and-run drivers of automobiles were severally convicted and fined \$50, \$50, \$15

Three defendants were found guilty of setting illegal traps and of violating the anti-steel-trap law. Fines aggregating \$110 imposed. Another subjected a dog to cruelty and suffering by allowing him to drag trap, chain and stake for eight hours before release, was fined \$10.

For cruelly cropping the ears and tail of dog, offender was sentenced to House of Correction for one month; another, for cruelly mutilating a cat by cutting off its was fined \$25.

Two prosecutions for the cruel abandonment of cats resulted in fines of \$20 each; the case of cruel abandonment of a dog

was placed on file.

More than sixty prosecutions for cruelty horses were made which involved prin cipally the failure of providing proper food and shelter, working when unfit for labor by reason of lameness, galled shoulders and backs, overdriving and beating, and selling when unfit for service. Fines ranging from \$10 to \$50 were imposed.

For subjecting calves to cruelty and suf-fering by overcrowding them in truck, fine \$10; cruelly overcrowding and transporting ten head of cattle in motor truck, owner fined \$25, operator \$5; overcrowding fowl in crate, fine \$15.

The prosecuting officers of the Society are advised and instructed that it is al-

ways better, when possible, to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

L. WILLARD WALKER, Chief Officer

Worthy of Record

Shepherd Dog Drags Spaniel to Safety

One of the many victims of the heartless and reckless hit-and-run drivers of motor cars was "Don," who was hurried to the Angell Animal Hospital recently from his home in Cohasset. His principal injury was a fractured fore leg. Though wary of autos, he was playing near the danger line with his big friend "Peter," a German shepherd who lives a few blocks away. Don suddenly ventured too far and was hit by a speeding car. After he was run over and dazed it was Peter who seized hold of him and dragged his limp body out of harm's way to safety and then summoned human help.

Don made a rapid recovery and his quickwitted protector has not lacked the praise that is his due.

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Two Bands of Mercy have been organized in Sofia, Bulgaria, by Miss Leona Vasileva of the American College, who writes: "If America needs humane education for her children, how much more we out here in the Balkans need it! I hope it will soften the instinct to strike the weak. Our students have taken it so much to heart, and each one will try to do some act of kindness and report at the first meeting.'



"DON," A HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM

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The American Humane Education Society

N addition to the uncounted thousands of persons reached through the worldwide circulation of Our Dumb Animals and our hundred or more different leaflets, booklets, and publications of all kinds, no less than 618,288 individuals were counted in the year's audiences of our fourteen regular lecturers.

Reference has been made in the previous report to the affiliation of the American Humane Education Society with the great Parent-Teacher Association and the International Federation of Home and School, both of which, with many lesser organizations, are introducing humane education into their programs. Think what seed has thus been sown by our Society and, if you can, try to estimate the probable extent of the harvest in the field of humane education!

Bands of Mercy

Nothing in our long list of reports is more encouraging than the large number of Bands of Mercy organized, 6,785. This is an increase of more than 33 per cent over the preceding year. These Bands represent all sections of the country, from Bangor, Maine, to Hollywood, Calif., also Canada, the Philippines, Argentina and Syria.

Humane Week Anniversaries

Ushered in by the usual Proclamation by the Governor of Massachusetts, the annual Be Kind to Animals Week and Humane Sunday were observed in April. In Massachusetts the schools held special exercises, for which we issued and distributed free 10,000 copies of a new humane pamphlet. The outstanding feature, however, was the annual poster contest. It is estimated that 70,000 posters were made in the public and parochial schools of Massachusetts, of which 4,411 were submitted to our judges. They came from 346 schools in 122 different cities and towns. An attractive new

medal was designed and offered in the contest. The first prizes numbered 675, the second prizes 686, and the honorable mentions, with free subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals*, 927. The press of Massachusetts gave generous space to announcements of the awards.

In connection with the national anniversary, we distributed more than a thousand special posters, 75 trailers for use in motion picture houses, and uncounted copies of Humane Sunday and other timely literature. We conducted two nation-wide contests—one for the best newspaper cartoons in print, with prizes of \$50 and \$25, and one for the best short anecdotes submitted to Our Dumb Animals, with prizes of \$15, \$10, \$5, and \$3. Both were successful. Several radio talks stressing Be Kind to Animals Week were given by our representatives.

"The Bell of Atri"

In a day when the talking picture seems to be "the thing," our silent film, "The Bell of Atri," continues to be phenomenally successful. There have been forty-nine separate rentals of the picture. Several of these were for repeated showings by our field workers and others, while one film has been in use constantly in the Boston public schools. During the year, four prints were sold, of which one went to France and two to England.

Jack London Club

That nearly 25,000 additional persons subscribed to the pledge of the Jack London Club, aimed at abolishing cruel animal acts on the public stage, shows how this reform is winning its way among the many movements to relieve animal suffering. The membership in the Club reached 564,967 by the end of the year. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Jack London spoke in behalf of this cause at the annual humane convention in San Francisco in October.

Special Work with the Press

Our central humane press bureau service, though continued from headquarters after the death of Mrs. Hall in September, suffers from the loss of her personal contact with the constituents, as she had been in constant correspondence with many of them. Numerous expressions of appreciation of her service and deep sense of her loss have been received. In the eight months of her activities she had sent out 7,272 press slips, 7,286 leaflets and pamphlets, 128 calendars, 5,314 cards, 284 sets of lesson cards and 23 sets of posters.

Mrs. Park, conducting our Western Humane Press Bureau from California, sends monthly articles to newspapers from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast, with a list averaging 550 and sometimes reaching as many as 750. Many editors have expressed appreciation of this service. Mrs. Park also distributes quantities of humane literature, both by mail and in person. She had charge of our exhibit at the national convention in San Francisco in October.

Field Workers in Many States

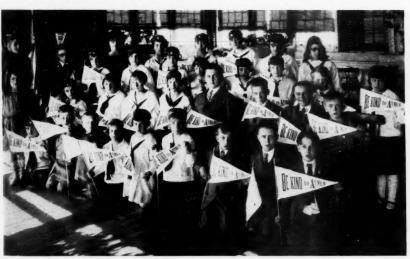
Miss Maryott, constantly at work in the schools of Massachusetts, visited forty-five cities and towns in various parts of the state. Her talks resulted in 1,104 new Bands of Mercy, with 40,455 members. In addition to visiting elementary schools, she gave an illustrated talk at Temple Israel, Boston, and two lectures at the Teachers' College, Lowell. Mr. Talbot, representing the Society in part time, gave 95 illustrated addresses in Massachusetts schools, usually of high and junior high grade, before audiences totaling 26,685. In the summer he visited 29 camps in eastern New England, reaching 2,360 persons with humane talks, and often accompanying the campers on instructive nature walks.

Miss Gilbert was employed for four

Miss Gilbert was employed for four months in the spring in Maine and for three months in the fall in Vermont, visiting schools and organizing Bands of Mercy. She received the hearty co-operation of high officials in both states, and was able to reach about one hundred places, giving 560 talks in 393 schools, resulting in nearly 1,000 new Bands with more than 37,000 members. In September Miss Guyol represented the Society by visiting schools in six towns of eastern New Hampshire, where she organized 33 Bands of Mercy, with 625 members.

Mr. Wentzel, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, traveled more than 10,000 miles, visited more than one hundred schools, and organized 287 Bands of Mercy, with a total membership of 50,000. He also addressed numerous adult groups and distributed a very large quantity of humane literature.

Mrs. Toomim visited 70 schools in Chicago, gave 158 talks, and organized 1,398 Bands of Mercy, reaching 55,433 children. She also spoke before several important gatherings of teachers and others, and arranged seven radio programs with prominent speakers.



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TYPICAL BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK EXHIBIT IN THE SOUTH

Miss Finley, our representative in Virginia, covers much sparsely populated territory in addition to cities like Richmond. She has been active in Parent-Teacher work, giving addresses and holding exhibits at conventions of this and other organizations. She organized more than 400 Bands of Mercy, with memberships totaling nearly 19,000.

Miss Finley's work in Virginia is supplemented, in the colored schools, by that of Mr. Lemon. He spoke at a great variety of gatherings, including a conference at Hampton Institute, and reached about 15,000 children in visits to 200 schools throughout the state. These were so widely separated that it required more than 10,000 miles of travel to reach them.

Mr. Carroll, with headquarters in South Carolina, addressed a large number of Teachers' Association meetings, conventions, colleges, lodges, religious gatherings, and schools, including summer training institutes for teachers, in this and neighboring states. Though his work is especially with the colored population, he arranged for the Governor of South Carolina to broadcast a special humane message, and for a large sign, "This is National Be Kind to Animals Week," to be erected on the State House grounds at Columbia.

Mrs. Weathersbee's activities in Georgia, where she has the hearty co-operation of the state superintendent of schools, are told in part by these figures: 293 talks given in 169 schools; 468 Bands of Mercy organized with 71,000 members; 82 other addresses given, reaching 30,000 persons. To reach the nearly 100 towns represented, she traveled about 8,000 miles. She also spoke and held humane exhibitions at many Parent-Teacher, and other educational meetings.

Mr. Burton reports substantial progress in humane education in Tennessee, and that many agencies have broadened their programs to include it. He traveled more than 25,000 miles in order to visit 187 schools, where 38,000 children were reached. He also addressed adult audiences aggregating 22,300. He received excellent co-operation from the press as well as from churches, Sunday-schools, summer conferences and public school officials.

Mr. Barnwell was engaged principally in reorganization work in Texas, where he reported 408 Bands of Mercy with 40,842 members. His adult addresses and sermons numbered 217, with a total attendance of 33,582. In addition to stressing the rights of animals, he dealt with citizenship and world peace. He introduced plans for humane education in local, county and state Colored Teachers' Associations.

Mrs. Nichols, national chairman of humane education for the Parent-Teacher Association, devotes much of her time to this important organization. She attends and speaks before national and state conventions, and is constantly directing the various state chairmen and other officials as to the best methods of carrying on the work. She has prepared a very effective leaflet on humane education which is widely used in her special work.

Economies in Publishing

Not so many of our regular pamphlets were reprinted this year, as we have tried to economize in this as in every other direction. Several titles of leaflets that seemed to have served their day, or for which the call is falling off, have been dropped entirely, while a few new ones have been added. Among the latter were the "Humane Exercises" (for 1932), a trapping leaflet and one on the care of caged canaries, both revised and shortened, and "The Shame of It," dealing with the cruel practice of "setting up" horses' tails. Our humane calendar was published, in a somewhat smaller edition than usual, with a choice of three colored pictures or one in black and white.

Free Supplies

No accurate account of the amount, in dollars and cents, of free literature and other supplies sent out from headquarters each year, can be given, but it must reach a substantial sum. Literally every mail brings requests for something, often it is for aids to school teachers. To all such we respond generously, as may be seen by the following summary of free literature, etc., dispatched during the year: 66,164 leaflets, 5,512 pamphlets, 3,406 copies of Our Dumb Animals, 2,169 cards and blotters, 84 sets of lesson cards, 148 books, 43 calendars, and 956 regular posters. There were also given 159 lots of children's posters, 27 pennants, and 7,878 buttons and badges.

To Many Foreign Lands

Free literature, buttons, badges and other supplies have been sent, in response to urgent calls, to Albania, Argentina, China, England, France, India, Ireland, Japan, Morocco, Peru, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, South Africa, Turkey and Syria. Our work in connection with the American Fondouk at Fez, Morocco, is so fully reported each month in *Our Dumb Animals* that it seems unnecessary to recapitulate it here. Those specially interested may send for a copy of the annual report.

Finances

The treasurer reports receipts for current expenses, \$25,085.80; expenditures, \$27,-244.82. Contributions for this most important work of humane education are always an increasing need if we are to reach each year into new fields.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President

Funds for Humane Workers

THE American Humane Education Society is collecting a trust fund for the benefit of field missionaries and others who have spent their lives in the service of promoting humane education.

So far gifts to the amount of \$6,026 have been received.

If you desire to contribute to this fund, please make checks payable to Treasurer, American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, and specify that the amount contributed is for the Humane Education Trust Fund.

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. also is raising a special fund to provide, when necessary, for employees who have been retired or for any reason are incapacitated for work. Contributions to this fund should be sent to the Treasurer and marked plainly for Massachusetts S. P. C. A. Retirement Fund.

We are glad to send *Our Dumb Animals* gratuitously to any publication that cares to receive it. Among those on our list is *The Leader*, of Chamberlain, S. D., published by F. J. Croft. This is what Mr. Croft writes us:

"We want to thank you for the copy of Our Dumb Animals sent to us regularly. We get lots of enjoyment out of it and then carry it to the city library where it is the most sought after of all magazines by the boys and girls, so the librarian informs me."

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Writing in the News, Sausalito, Calif., Mabel Ketchum Eastman says that Our Dumb Animals is found each month on the table in the public library and that the library will allow all of the copies, except the current one, to be taken home so that the entire family may read them. She goes "It is the best magazine of its kind, published in America. Not only does it tell you each month what has been accomplished over the world for the relief of animals, but it gives many animal stories, poems, pictures, and accounts of the habits of wild life, both animals and birds. Children will be fascinated. It is a monthly magazine that should not be missed."

More friends are needed to endow stalls and new kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. Payments of thirty-five dollars for a kennel or seventy-five dollars for a stall will insure a suitable marker inscribed with donor's name. Terms of permanent endowment of free stalls and kennels will be given upon application to the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

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"Possum's" Birthday Party

WILLIE SNOW ETHRIDGE

ELIEVING that children will be kinder to all animals if they learn to love one, Mrs. Mary Ayers Harris of Macon, Georgia, gives a big birthday party each year for her collie, "Possum," and invites all the boys and girls in her section of town.

She has the party in April during Humane Week, for she wishes to draw the attention of the young folks to the observance of those seven days. And not only do the children come to Possum's party, but also the officers of the Humane Society and many of the leading citizens of the town.

Possum receives his guests with his long white and auburn hair brushed until it shines like embroidery silk, his big brown eyes wide with excitement and his big neck adorned with an enormous bow of blue satin ribbon. He stands at the top of the steps on the front porch and nuzzles his nose into the hand of each little guest.

Near-by him there is always a gaily-decked table with a large cake ornamented with the number of candles that Possum is old. This year there will be thirteen candles burning there.

The guests, just as at a real birthday party, come bearing gifts wrapped in white tissue paper and tied in blue and pink and lavender ribbons. In these exciting-looking packages there are usually big, juicy soup bones; nice hunks of red meat; boxes of tempting puppyrets; cakes of sweet-smelling soap; cans of dog food; several heads of lettuce, for Possum has a weakness for lettuce and his friends all know it; boxes of candy to tickle his sweet tooth, and, best of all, some quarters to buy soup bones when the party ones give out.

The first half-hour of the party is spent in taking pictures, for the newspaper cameraman wouldn't miss being there to snap the venerable Possum frolicking with his guests. Possum always manages somehow to give the impression that he is dreadfully bored with this publicity business, but nevertheless he is careful to sit up straight and look pleasant. He even



"POSSUM" AT HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY

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turns his head this way, and that way, to see if he will take a good profile. And he pricks up his ears and eases himself around just a wee bit so his big blue bow will show.

Gay games follow the picture-taking. The children make a ring around Possum and dance and sing. Possum licks his lips and eyes them solemnly as they carol: "Happy birthday to you Happy birthday to you Happy birthday, dear Possum Happy birthday to you."

Then the children play Farmers in the Dell, drop the handkerchief and many other games. Possum excuses himself when the playing is well underway, saunters to the porch and eases himself down for a bit of rest. Being the honoree is rather a strenuous business, his bowed head seems to say.

After the games there are saucers of ice cream, and Possum eats right along with the guests, and cake and mints and all kinds of good things.

As the guests depart, Possum wanders into the house to find a quiet spot; but Mrs. Harris rocks on the front porch with a look of great content. She feels sure that she has shown vividly several dozen little boys and girls just how human and lovable an animal can be and that they will be much slower in the future to harm one of any kind. With the memory of Possum in their minds, they will be more loving, she argues, to all dumb creatures.

Just a Dog

MAUD C. JACKSON

Tom has a fine Scotch collie, Bill has an Airedale pup, Bob has a big police dog That tries to eat you up.

> They say my puppy isn't Much bigger than a frog, And hasn't any ped-i-gree, And so he's just a dog.

> > But he's a real smart puppy; He seems to understand The things they say about him, For he comes and licks my hand.

> > > And when I smile and pat him, They know, and so does he, That though he's just a dog to them, He's all the world to me.

A lady writes us, "My little granddaughter, five years old, just beginning to attend school, was asked by her teacher to draw a picture of a dog house. Never having heard of a dog house, but familiar with the family dog, she drew a picture of a dog with windows and a door in its side and a chimney running up from its back." That certainly must have looked like a dog house.

All children who see this and are not more than fifteen years of age are asked to turn to page 37 and read about the prize offers for photographs of animals.

To "Buddy"

LILLIAN G. BALDWIN

Sometimes a shadow seems to lick my hand, A cold, wet nose is thrust against my knee,

Two eager, loving eyes, from out the haze Of Spirit land, seek mine appealingly.

And then the noble dog, that once you were, Comes trotting down the path of memory, To stir my heart unto its very depths With thoughts of your great love, your

Before the marked perfection of your traits, I needs must bow my head quite shamefully

That I, though human, fall so far below The measure of your faith, your loyalty.

A Lively President

ERNEST H. EATON

RANK H. FOSS 2nd, eight-year-old grandson of Congressman Frank H. Foss of the 3rd Massachusetts district, has just been elected president of the School Street School Band of Mercy, Fitchburg, Mass. When he was told that he had been elected president of the Band of Mercy he remarked, "Well, I have got grandpa beat. He is only a congressman while I am a president." Little Frank is very enthusiastic over his new position as president and to the writer he unfolded his plans which he believes will keep him busy for his term of office. President Foss stated that the Band, as usual, will help all suffering animals. Right now the band is taking care of a cat that has a broken leg. One of the members of the Band found the cat and brought it to the school. The members feed it fish, meat and milk.

"We shall try to have all who do not treat dumb animals with kindness treat them right. I shall ask the members of the Band to work harder this year and put more money in the bank as a starter toward the erection of a Rescue League in Fitchburg. We shall put on a sale of humane stamps some time in February. For health and for the sake of making more money we shall sell some apples. We sent several Christmas picture-books to children who were in the hospital. We are to make several Burgess scrap-books for sick children who are old enough to read. Our fine Christmas-tree for birds has been trimmed with strings of pop-corn, bread, suet and cranberries for beauty, and we will keep it supplied all

winter so the birds will have plenty to eat. We are to keep our feed-box by our school hall window filled with grain and feed. I am planning a big meeting for the Band when we shall celebrate Lincoln's birthday. We have plenty of sunflower seeds to dis-tribute to the city forester and the game wardens where they will do the most good. The sunflowers were raised by a prominent farmer of Fitchburg and gathered by the Boy Scouts. We had lots of fun shelling them.

"One thing," stated young Foss in clos-ing, "we will certainly keep busy this year and will do all in our power to make the School Street School Band of Mercy of Fitchburg, Mass., the banner Band of New England for we all love the work.'

Springfield Auxiliary

N January 27 twenty-five prominent society matrons and club women of Springfield and Holyoke met at the Hospital of the Springfield Branch, Massachusetts S. P. C. A., Bliss Street, and organized the Women's Auxiliary of the Springfield Branch. Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke, president of the Massachusetts State Auxiliary, described the organization, growth, social activities and work of that Auxiliary, and also traced the history of the State Theodore W. Pearson, general manager of the Springfield Branch, discussed phases of his work and told how the new Auxiliary could be of assistance. Tea was served, with Mrs. Meda Young Alexander pouring. These officers were elected to serve the new organization: Mrs. Donald C. Kibbe, president; Mrs. George A. Bacon, vice-president; Mrs. George S. Sabin, secretary; Mrs. Aaron Bagg of Holyoke, treasurer; and Mrs. Theodore R. Ramage, chairman of ways and means committee.

The charter members of the new Auxiliary include all the above-named women and Mrs. Joseph B. Ely, Mrs. George Ferguson, Mrs. Dwight W. Ellis, Mrs. J. L. Wycoff of Holyoke, Mrs. Leroy Halford of Ludlow, Mrs. J. Harrison Conant, Holyoke, Mrs. Richard A. Booth, Mrs. George W. Ellis, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Towne, Holyoke, Mrs. Char-Jr., Mrs. J. M. 10wne, Holyoke, Mrs. Char-les F. Lynch, Mrs. Joseph Redden, Mrs. E. R. Whiting, Mrs. Edward D. Bagg, Holy-cke, Mrs. E. S. Decker, Jr., Mrs. Harold ORE, Mrs. B. S. Becker, 61, Mrs. Har-Duckworth, Mrs. J. L. Shannon, Mrs. Har-old Adams, Mrs. M. F. Peterson, Mrs. Frank G. Barney, Mrs. F. W. Winslow, Mrs. Theodore W. Pearson, Mrs. Minnie Taylor Mallary, Mrs. Gordon Seymour, Mrs. Frank Cheever, Mrs. Stuart Robson, Mrs. Morton B. Miner, Mrs. Carlton H. Garinger, and Mrs. H. Leroy Ross.

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The Band of Mercy

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See inside front cover for prices of literature and Band of Mercy supplies.

NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Five hundred and twenty-two new Bands of Mercy were reported during January. Of these, 227 were in Illinois, 108 in Texas, 74 in Virginia, 22 in Vermont, 17 in Massachusetts, nine in Pennsylvania, five each in Georgia and Mississippi, two in Florida, and one each in Missouri, Washington, and New Brunswick.

Total number Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 192,362

Mr. Talbot's Work in the Schools

Mr. L. Raymond Talbot gave illustrated lectures in behalf of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in January in the John Winthrop school, Dorchester; William Barton Rogers school, Hyde Park; junior high schools in Revere, Chelsea, and West Newton; and high schools in West Bridgewater and Ipswich. The total number of pupils reached was 3.200.

During the past three years, since Mr. Talbot has been representing the Society in the schools, he has spoken before no less than 69,670 pupils.

School Poster Contest

Many schools in Massachusetts have indicated their intention to enter the annual poster contest conducted by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. All interested are cau-tioned to have their posters at the Society headquarters, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, not later than March 27. The best posters will be exhibited at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, during Be Kind to Animals Week, April 17-23.

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